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SUBJECT:IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS - ANANDA MARGA

1. ANANDA MARGA OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SEEKING ENTRY INTO U.S. OF ANANDA MARGA MONKS AND NUNS. DEPARTMENT WAS REQUESTED TO FACILITATE QUOTE POLITICAL ASYLUM UNQUOTE OR OTHERWISE ASSIST IN EXPEDITING ENTRY. WE INFORMED ANANDA MARGA THAT IMMIGRATION ACT ALREADY CONTAINS SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE ENTRY AS IMMIGRANTS OF MINISTERS OF RELIGION; THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S SCHEDULE A SETS FORTH OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CATEGORIES WHICH INCLUDE RELIGIOUS WORKERS SUCH AS MONKS AND NUNS WHO ARE SEEKING ADMISSION INTO U.S. TO
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PERFORM DUTIES REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THEIR RELIGIOUS COM

MITMENT. ANANDA MARGA WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE ITS IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION TO ENABLE CONSULAR OFFICERS TO MAKE A FORMAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICANT AS A RELIGIOUS WORKER.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM ANANDA MARGA THAT A NUMBER OF THEIR MEMBERS ESCAPED ARREST IN INDIA AND FLED TO PAKISTAN AND NEPAL. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WILL BE APPLYING FOR ENTRY IN NEPAL. OTHERS MAY ALSO APPLY FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS. TO FURTHER COMPLICATE MATTERS, ANANDA MARG

CLAIMS THAT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT IS CANCELLING THEIR PASSPORTS.

3. ANANDA MARGA IS APPROACHING THREE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PROTEST GOI ACTIONS IN SUPPRESSING THE ORGANIZATION. THEY HAVE ALREADY MET WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND PLAN TO MEET WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RED CROSS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS.

4. ANANDA MARGA HAS BEEN IN TOUCH PERSONALLY AND BY LETTER WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND DEPARTMENT IS RECEIVING NUMEROUS CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES. KISSINGER

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